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Group : 2182
Examiner : Alan Chen

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

A personal interview was conducted for this application on August 4, 2004. Attendees at the interview were Examiner Alan Chen, Supervisory Patent Examiner Jeffrey Gaffin, Mr. Hiroshi Kawano of Hitachi, Ltd. and Mr. David Zibelli.

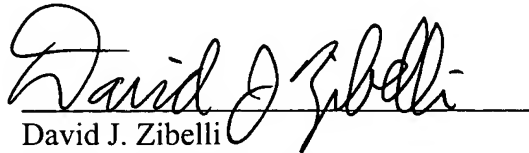
The claimed invention was discussed with reference to Figure 7. No prior art was discussed. The interview was held concerning six related continuation applications: Serial Nos. 10/614,864 (29284-593); 10/614,863 (29284-594); 10/614,862 (29284-595); 10/614,861 (29284-596); 10/614,860 (29284-597); and 10/614,859 (29284-598).

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